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UNIDENTIFIED: -- Labor, Commerce and Trade Committee; Thursday, March 23rd, 1995; Senator Dwight Pelz, Chair.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: I would like to call the meeting of the Labor, Commerce and Trade Committee to order. I will be presiding temporarily until the Chair gets here. The first bill that we have on the agenda is House Bill 1060, and we'll hear from staff.

COMMITTEE STAFF: Thank you, Senator Franklin and Senator Hale. Under tab-14, you'll find the bill, bill report and fiscal note for House Bill 1060. This bill is the companion to Senate Bill 5173 that relates to improvements in the licensing activities of the Liquor Control Board.

Briefly, just to refresh your memory, this bill would give the Board the ability to designate a staff member to approve uncontested or unopposed liquor licenses. It changes the procedure for transferring a liquor license from a former owner to a new owner of a license liquor

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establishment. It deletes provisions requiring us of revenue stamps because the Liquor Control Board has come up with a more efficient way to follow the sale of beer and wine in the state. It also abolishes a single-event caterer's license and establishes an annual license. There is a fiscal note available. It does increase revenue to the state by about \$263,000 per biennium. I'd be happy to answer any questions

that you might have about the bill.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: All right. Thank you very much. We have members here. Mr. Mitchell, Carter Mitchell, would you like to come up, and would you like to have Mr. Ducharme to join you? MR. MITCHELL: Sure, that's fine.

Good afternoon. For the record, Carter Mitchell representing the Liquor Control Board. This is a Agency-Request Bill. The bill that you originally heard passed the senate 46 to 0 and House Bill 1060 passed the House 98 to 0.

Staff did an excellent job of describing the Bill. We have asked that an amendment be passed out that we're asking for to go along with this. What has happened is that the board's, for years, has regulated price postings under

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has been questioned of whether or not it exceeds statutory authority. So what we'd like to do is take our rules that have been in existence for several years, many years, and put those into the Revised Code of Washington so there is no question that indeed they do comply with the statute as appears on that piece of — on the amendment that comes out.

So that explains in a nutshell the amendatory language that we've got before the committee as well, and we just ask for your support.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Thank you very much.

MR. DUCHARME: Thank you, Madam

Chairman, Senator Hale.

My name is Dick Ducharme. I'm here today representing the Beer and Wine wholesalers Association of Washington. We supported this bill when it was in the House; we support the amendment It does codify some WACs that have been -- that my members must comply with that have been effect for a number of years, and we have -- are comfortable with them being put into statute. It would probably strengthen the law. We appreciate that.

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